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London police kept close tabs on weekend biker gang convoy

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Ontario's biker enforcement unit kept a watchful eye on a nearly 200-strong motorcycle convoy that drove through downtown London over the weekend.

The bikers, including members of outlaw motorcycle clubs, rumbled through Richmond Row Saturday afternoon.

London police say they didn't receive any complaints about the large-

scale ride, referring all questions to the OPP biker enforcement unit.

The head of the unit confirmed officers were dispatched to locations across the province to monitor “organized rides” over the weekend.

Islamist Terror Attack in Ireland ‘a Question of When, Not If’, Claims Security Specialist

Image

Authorities in Ireland are nowhere near prepared to deal with an Islamist attack against its people, an expert has warned after national police recently launched efforts to stop radicalisation through increasing ‘diversity’.

Former chief petty officer in the Irish navy Eamon Dolan, who now works training three and four-man teams to protect ships against attacks from Somali pirates and other threats, said the population of Ireland is a “target for extremists”.

Impending Mountie shakeup means longer waits for cops to respond, critics say

Image

The RCMP is changing how it assigns officers to communities across Newfoundland and Labrador, shifting to a district model that has critics on high alert.

A similar change in the Northern Peninsula last year resulted in longer response times in remote areas, says Anchor Point Mayor Gerry Gros.

After one car accident in Roddickton, Gros recalls, RCMP officers were so few and far between that the closest detachment had to employ volunteers from the community to guard the scene for several hours before officers arrived.

After a break-in one night, Gros added, officers never showed up at all.

"People have noticed the difference," he said.

Acquitted accountant sues over arrest in Montreal organized crime (Hells Angels) case

Image

After being cleared of all charges against her, an accountant arrested in a sweeping police investigation into organized crime is now suing the attorney general of Quebec, as well as the police officers and prosecutor involved in the case.

In a lawsuit made public at the Montreal courthouse Monday, Jocelyne Therrien, 59, argues she was “unjustly and illegally” charged after a “negligent” investigation that left her traumatized by her experience with the justice system.

“The charges were brought and maintained in a malicious fashion, with no expectation of success, and clearly not for the purpose of applying the law but for other reasons instead,” the suit claims.

“(Therrien) lost 79 months of her life.”

Transnational Organized Crime and National Security

Image

Traditional organized crime, ranging from the Italian-American mafia to street gangs, has long been a target of American law enforcement efforts. Unlike purely domestic organized crime, transnational organized crime, defined by the Justice Department as groups that pursue criminal activities across geographic boundaries, has profound national security implications.

The FBI warns that transnational organized crime poses a diverse array of national security threats related to border security, government corruption both in the United States and abroad, energy and “strategic material” markets around the world, and “logistical and other support to terrorists and foreign intelligence services.”

When governments get tough, criminals get going offshore, study shows

Image

There is an immediate increase in offshore incorporations when governments get serious about tackling organized crime, according to a report based on data from the Panama Papers.

The study by researchers from Monash Business School and the University of Adelaide, Australia, and the University of St Gallen, Switzerland, found that offshore incorporations increased in well-governed countries immediately after media reports of asset confiscations and expropriations.

Nine Arrested in Houston Poker Room Organised Crime Raids

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Nine people connected to two Houston poker clubs have been arrested for allegedly engaging in organized crime and money laundering, one poker room owner being led out in handcuffs just minutes before a 5-day tournament was due to begin…

The Post Oak Poker Club and the Prime Social Poker Room were both targeted by Houston Police Department and the Harris County DA's Office as part of a 2-year investigation.

District Attorney Kim Ogg announced the arrests and first-degree felony charges, explaining that players in the two clubs are not the target of the criminal probe.

Two Texas Poker Rooms Raided For Organized Criminal Activity And Money Laundering

Image

A pair of Houston card rooms were raided by local law enforcement Wednesday afternoon and more crackdowns of these establishments might be on the way.

Prime Social Club and Post Oak Poker Club were raided by officers from the Vice Division of the Houston Police Department. In total, nine owners and managers were arrested on charges of money laundering and engaging in organized criminal activity.

“Poker rooms are illegal in Texas,” District Attorney Kim Ogg said in a statement. “We are changing the paradigm regarding illegal gambling by moving up the criminal chain and pursuing felony money laundering and engaging in organized crime charges against owners and operators.”

Officers seized computers and hard drives in the raid. At Prime Social Club, the raid took place just a few minutes before the start of a $580 no-limit hold’em tournament with a $150,000 guaranteed prize pool.

San Francisco Moves Towards Banning Use Of Facial Recognition Tech By Law Enforcement

Image

SAN FRANCISCO (KPIX 5) — The city of San Francisco is on the verge of becoming the first in the nation to ban the use of facial recognition technology for law enforcement.

On Monday, the rules committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to pass the “Stop Secret Surveillance Ordinance, which would disallow city and county law enforcement agencies to use facial recognition systems.

The rise of fear-based social media like Nextdoor, Citizen, and now Amazon’s Neighbors

Image

Violent crime in the US is at its lowest rate in decades. But you wouldn't know that from a crop of increasingly popular social media apps that are forming around crime.

Apps like Nextdoor, Citizen, and Amazon Ring's Neighbors — all of which allow users to view local crime in real time and discuss it with people nearby — are some of the most downloaded social and news apps in the US, according to rankings from the App Store and Google Play.

Nextdoor bills itself as the "world's largest social network for the neighborhood," where you can ask for nearby restaurant recommendations, buy used furniture, or report a stolen bike. In practice, its "crime and safety" section has been a hotbed for racial stereotyping that's forced the company to rewrite its software and policies.

Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Now

Collects Emergency Contact Information

Image

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 6, 2019--Alabamians no longer have to worry about having “In Case of Emergency” written on a card in their wallet or unlocking their smartphone to retrieve contact information in case of an accident or emergency.

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency now gives the public an option to associate emergency contact information to their driver license online through the already existing Online Driver Services Suite, hosted and maintained by Alabama Interactive.

An Open Letter From A Millennial Officer

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Dear Generation X (or older) Police Officers,

I was forwarded an article this past year about a Police Chief in a major *unnamed* city “Ripping Millenial Officers” and blaming them for their department’s hiring crisis. Officers sent this article to me to incite a response since they know me OH so well. You all JUST WANT me to get even more blacklisted, don’t you?! Sigh… anyway… of course, I couldn’t help myself, and here is my response. We so called obnoxious “Millennials” have some things to say about the older “Generation X” Officers as well. This is the point of this open letter.

A Chief’s Response to Letter from a Millennial officer

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Editor's Note: This is a response, written by Chief William Harvey, to our "millennial" officer KP's "An Open Letter from a Millennial Officer." It is suggested that you read them both. The open letter has received some truly negative feedback on social media where it's been shared and this Chief's response might surprise some of those folks being so critical. Reality, in brief, is that the millennial officers are the future of law enforcement and we "old guys" don't have to like or embrace change - but we DO have to accept the reality of it. Read on.

BODY CAMERA COMPLICATIONS

Image

Use of body-worn cameras, or body cams, by police departments continues to trend up. According to a survey released in August 2018 by the Police Executive Research Forum, more than 80 percent of U.S. police agencies are either using body cams now or have plans to do so in the near future. More than 85 percent of the departments that currently use body cams would recommend them to others.

“Body-worn cameras can demonstrate that a police agency is willing to be transparent and accountable for its actions. The conceptual appeal of body-worn cameras has led to rapid adoption of the technology in police agencies across the country,” the report found.

Other developments have helped drive this swift adoption. In late 2014, the Obama administration proposed the $263 million Body-Worn Camera Partnership Program, a federally funded body-camera advocacy initiative for states and localities. The program was later approved.

At around the same time, the police department in Rialto, California, participated in an influential study, Self-Awareness to Being Watched

and Socially-Desirable Behavior: A Field Experiment on the Effect of Body-Worn Cameras on Police Use-of-Force. The study found that, during a year-long trial period of body cam use, public complaints against officers fell 88 percent compared with the previous 12 months.

King County won't charge criminals assaulting cops while resisting arrest

Image

More insanity out of Washington state, where King County Prosecutor Dan Satterberg will "not file [charges] when the assault can be best described as resisting" an arrest from an officer.

That confirmation comes directly from his office.

King County Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht was shocked, saying, "we need to rethink this."

The news came after the Jason Rantz Show on KTTH broke news

about an incident where a King County Sheriff's deputy was kicked in the groin by a 20-year-old female suspect in tall leather boots.

Police say she was most likely intoxicated.

Satterberg's office reviewed the case and decided not to charge the suspect with assaulting the officer.

King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office said in a statement that they will only charge assault in the third degree, "if the assault can best be described as an intentional attack on the officer and the officer has an injury or experiences significant pain as a result of the assault."

Taking a Byte Out of Cyber Crime

Image

The FBI has a full plate: fighting public corruption, organized and white-collar crime and domestic and foreign terrorism; solving violent crimes; protecting civil rights; neutralizing national security threats, espionage

and counterintelligence; and mitigating threats of weapons of mass destruction, among other responsibilities. And one part of the bureau is growing to protect the nation against cyber threats.

The FBI's Cyber Division is stepping up its investigative capabilities to identify and capture malicious actors given the rise of digital-based crimes, said Amy Hess, executive assistant director of the bureau's Criminal, Cyber, Response, and Services Branch. The FBI relies on its field-centric model to bring down dangerous criminal enterprises, Hess said, and these methods apply to cyber crimes. "[Cyber attacks] have become more and more prevalent in every investigation and everything we do," she noted. "We have seen the threat evolving and growing every day."

California Law Enforcement Agencies Working To Meet RIPA Standards

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Law enforcement agencies across California are working to meet the standards set under the

Racial and Identity Act of 2015. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra says RIPA is designed to increase transparency and accountability around law enforcement:

ACLU, Public Defender's office praise crime camera ruling

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NEW ORLEANS (WVUE) - The Orleans Public Defender's Office and the American Civil Liberties Union are praising a judge's ruling that will give them unprecedented access to crime camera locations and footage.

While the cameras often help put criminals behind bars, they can also be useful in keeping the wrong people out of jail. However, not everyone had access to the more than 500 cameras scattered throughout the streets of New Orleans -- a fact the public defender's office took issue with, including Laura Bixby, a lawyer with OBD who initiated a lawsuit against the city.

“If police are using this against them, our clients should also have a right to use it to prove their innocence,” Bixby said.
The lawsuit sought to gain access to the locations of all of the city’s crime cameras.

Mayor claims TV show 'Gomorrah' causes immediate rises in violent crime

Image

(CNN)Naples mayor Luigi de Magistris has claimed that episodes of violent crimes skyrocket in the city whenever the popular TV series Gomorrah is shown.

De Magistris, a former public prosecutor elected mayor eight years ago on an anti-corruption and left-leaning agenda, told an Italian radio station that a debate was needed about "symbols of evil" that enthrall young people in the city.

"They don't want to choose culture, honesty, social redemption, living

with other people, but violence, gangs (and) arrogance," he said during Radio 24's "Uno, nessuno,100Milan" program on Monday.

Wake County Sheriff Bans Officers From Wearing Sunglasses In Public

Image

Newly-elected Wake County Sheriff Gerald Baker has said officers may not wear sunglasses when dealing with the public.

Raleigh, NC – The newly-elected Wake County sheriff has prohibited all sheriff's office personnel from wearing sunglasses – even on top of their heads - when talking to members of the public.

Wake County Sheriff's Captain Teddy Patrick wrote a memo on behalf of Sheriff Gerald Baker on March 29 that announced the new policy to the department.

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17 kidnapping victims freed at two locations in Jalisco

Image

Authorities in Jalisco freed 17 kidnapping victims yesterday after some escaped from their captors.

One group of victims was located in the Del Periodista neighborhood of Guadalajara after two were seen running along the street naked with their hands tied early yesterday morning.

The two men, who showed signs of having been tortured, told police that seven people remained in the safe house where they were being kept.

Sri Lanka police discover suspected

training camp for Islamist militants

Image

KATTANKUDY (Reuters) - Sri Lankan police on Sunday discovered a 10-acre camp in the eastern town of Kattankudy, where Islamist militants linked to the deadly Easter attacks are believed to have practiced shooting and bombmaking.

The walled terrain is nestled in a poor residential area on the outskirts of the home town of Zahran Hashim, who is believed to have been a key player in plotting the April 21 attacks. Islamic State has claimed responsibility for the church and hotel bombings that killed more than 250 people.

New York prosecutors allege sex cult leader was 'predator'

Image

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Former self-help guru Keith Raniere was a “predator” who preyed on young women, including a 15-year-old girl, and turned them into sex slaves as part of a cultlike organization, a federal prosecutor told a jury at the start of his trial on Tuesday.

“The defendant took advantage of them emotionally and sexually,” Assistant U.S. Attorney Tanya Hajjar said in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn. “He sold himself as the smartest, most ethical person in the world. ... He compared himself to Einstein and to Gandhi.”

Exclusive: US May Have Let 'Dozens' of Terrorists Into Country As Refugees

Image

Several dozen suspected terrorist bombmakers, including some believed to have targeted American troops, may have mistakenly been allowed to move to the United States as war refugees, according to FBI agents investigating the remnants of roadside bombs recovered from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The discovery in 2009 of two al Qaeda-Iraq terrorists living as refugees in Bowling Green, Kentucky -- who later admitted in court that they'd attacked U.S. soldiers in Iraq -- prompted the bureau to assign hundreds of specialists to an around-the-clock effort aimed at checking its archive of 100,000 improvised explosive devices collected in the war zones, known as IEDs, for other suspected terrorists' fingerprints.

We Prosecute Murder Without the Victim's Help. Why Not Domestic Violence?

Image

The day Michelle Monson Mosure recanted, she stormed into the Billings, Mont., district attorney's office, hysterical. Her husband, Rocky, had never made a threat, she said. She was to blame. He was a wonderful husband. A wonderful father. The prosecutor, Stacey Tenney, later told me that she knew Michelle was lying. Of course she was lying.

Just days earlier, Michelle, in an effort to obtain a restraining order, had for the first time completed an affidavit detailing what Rocky had done to her over the course of their decade-long relationship. "He beat me in front of my kids," she wrote. "He made death threats in front of my children, sisters and his parents." (Rocky's parents say they never heard a death threat.)

The restraining order request was the first time Michelle had sought help. She'd kept Rocky's abuse to herself for years, but then one day, in a rage, Rocky had broken into the home of Michelle's mother, Sally, grabbed his daughter, who was staying with her, and fled. Sally called the police, and Rocky was arrested. With Rocky in jail, Michelle finally worked up the courage to file for a restraining order.

5 plead guilty in mob-run gambling and loansharking ring that kicked up millions to Genovese Crime Family

Image

Five New Jersey men pleaded guilty pleaded Wednesday for their roles in various financial schemes that kicked money up to the Genovese Crime Family, included loansharking and illegal sports gambling operations that raked in millions of dollars.

The men were indicted in a 2014 joint operation by multiple law enforcement agencies dubbed “Operation Fistful,” according to a release from the New Jersey Attorney General’s Office.

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